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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: POSSIBLE APPROACH TO NUJOMA

REF: USUN 570

1. DURING MEETING OF CONTACT GROUP AT WORKING
LEVEL MARCH 6 BOTH BRITISH AND CANADIANS EXPRESSED
THEIR CAPITALS' CONCERN THAT CONTACT GROUP NOT
LET TOO MUCH TIME ELAPSE BEFORE NEXT CONTACT WITH
SWAPO. CONSEQUENTLY CANADIANS QUICKLY ACCEPTED
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BRITISH SUGGESTION THAT AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION,
SIMILAR TO THAT JUST HELD WITH BOTHA, BE HELD WITH
SAM NUJOMA IN LUSAKA IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
(BRITISH ADVISE THAT NUJOMA IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE
IN LUSAKA MARCH 8 OR 9.) BRITISH SUGGEST THAT
DISCUSSION WITH NUJOMA, AS WITH BOTHA, BE CONFINED
TO VIEWS ON THE MAJOR REMAINING ISSUES OF DISPUTE.

2. WE RESPONDED BY NOTING THAT U.S. SHARES CONCERN THAT FREQUENT CONTACTS BE MAINTAINED WITH SWAPO BUT EXPRESSED RESERVATION WITH BRITISH SUGGESTION ON GROUNDS THAT DURING LAST MEETING WITH SWAPO IN NEW YORK (REFTEL), CONTACT GROUP HELD PRECISELY THE KIND OF INFORMAL DISCUSSION WHICH THE BRITISH NOW SUGGEST BE REPEATED, AND NUJOMA ENDED DISCUSSION SAYING THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION UNTIL WE HAD NEW LANGUAGE TO PROPOSE.

3. WE, THEREFORE, SUGGESTED TO GROUP THAT, RATHER THAN HOLD A SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION WITH NUJOMA PRIOR TO PROVIDING HIM WITH REVISED PROPOSAL, WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS IN LUSAKA MIGHT ARRANGE FOR AN INFORMAL, NON-SUBSTANTIVE APPROACH TO NUJOMA, SIMPLY DESIGNED TO ADVISE HIM OF OUR RECENT EFFORTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND OF OUR HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA WITH AN IMPROVED PROPOSAL SHORTLY. (EFFORT WOULD NEED TO BE TAKEN DURING APPROACH TO MAKE NUJOMA AWARE THAT IMPROVED PROPOSAL WOULD DIFFER IN LANGUAGE, BUT NOT IN BASIC SUBSTANCE FROM OUR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL.)

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4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON ABOVE.
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